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In conversation

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Sreemoyee Piu Kundu, founder status single, a journalist, an author & most importantly, a liberal person

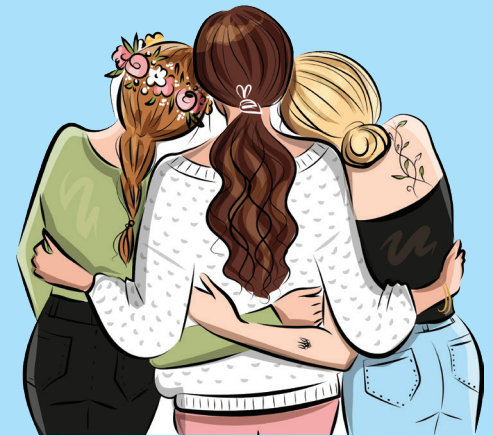
Sreemoyee Piu Kundu is a renowned lifestyle journalist who has worked with prestigious publications like Times of India, India Today, Midday, and The Asian Age. She also made significant contributions to innovative projects such as Metronow, a collaboration between Hindustan Times and Times of India. Transitioning into PR, she

headed the Media Strategy Division at Genesis Hanmer Marsteller and managed the Entertainment and Lifestyle sector at Hanmer MSL.

As an author, Sreemoyee is known for her novels "Faraway Music," "Sita's Curse," and "You've Got the Wrong Girl," along with the non-fiction book "Status Single," which highlights the challenges faced by urban single women. Her latest fiction work, "Cut," tackles themes of government censorship and artistic freedom. Sreemoyee's memoir, "Everything Changes," bravely discusses the impact of her father's suicide on her family.

Sreemoyee has been honoured with prestigious awards like the NDTV L'Oréal - Women of Worth award for Excellence in Literature and the United Nations Woman, Young Achiever for Literature. She is a recipient of the International Rotary Club award for women leadership as well. She has also received recognition for her advocacy for single Indian women through her platform "Status Single," which addresses the challenges faced by single Indian women and this initiative has drawn attention from BBC. Currently, she is working on a new book titled "All Our Other Lies," set for release next year.

Is Kolkata Safe for Women?



Dipta Ghosh, Electronics Engineer and An App Cab driver

Dipta Ghosh, an electronics engineer from Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College, had her life transformed by a sad incident in 2017—a harrowing train accident that turned her life upside down. It was during this challenging time that she realized the true essence of family and decided to place them above all else. In 2020, tragedy once again struck with the sudden loss of her father to a stroke, further stressing the importance of family bonds and responsibilities.

Confronted with the daunting task of providing for her family in the absence of her father, Dipta made a heartfelt decision to remain in Kolkata despite enticing job offers from afar. Encouraged by her mother's unwavering support, she embarked on a new path as an app cab driver, where she discovered a deep-seated passion for driving. In 2022, she boldly transitioned to become a female cabbie, carrying forward her journey with profound gratitude for the love and blessings of her family, as she sets her sights on a hopeful and glowing future ahead.



Minutes of Meeting No. 2533rd Regular Club Meeting held on Saturday 24th August 2024, 5.00 pm at Roof Top banquets, Kolkata

President Anand Agarwal called the meeting to order and requested everyone to rise for the National Anthem.

Sarita Rehal, the Bhajan Singer for the evening, was requested to offer the Invocation to God.

Secretary Sundeep Kr Choraria conducted the club business.

President Anand welcomed our Charter member Rtn Shree Gopal ji Daga to the meeting, he also informed the members about Rtn B D Agarwal being inducted as a Trustee into the Rotary Club of Belur Charitable Trust. The members congratulated Rtn B D Agarwal. President also welcomed our senior Trustee Rtn G S Sarda ji to the meeting. President updated the members about the various events that took place in the past few days which was also covered in the bulletin.

The meeting was held to celebrate the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami and the hall was decorated beautifully with Ladoo Gopalji in a Jhula. Members contributed by bringing different kinds of Prasad

Our guest Bhajan Singer Sarita Rehal enthralled the members with Bhajans on the occasion, a few members also joined in the Kirtan. The lady members and Anne of the club also sang a couple of bhajans and all the members enjoyed the evening by participating together in the dance and bhajan recitals. The programme ended with all enjoying the sumptuous dinner.

Rtn Sundeep Choraria, Secretary

Rtn Anand Agarwal, President



Janamastmi Celebrations



8th September	Sunday	Blood donation camp and eye check up camp at RCC Khalna
14th September	Saturday	1st President, Secretary, AG, ZS meet at Sonar Bangla - Taki
15th September	Sunday	Rotary Belur Bal Vikas Kendra - Annual Function
21st September	Saturday	RCM



BREAKING NEWS

Mr. B. D. Agarwal, a leading Foundryman from Eastern India was presented with Lifetime Achievement Award for his significant contribution to the Foundry Industry



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VENUE : **VIVEK BHABAN**

DATED : 8 TH SEPTEMBR 2024, SUNDAY • TIME : 10.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

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Rtn Shashi Seth	09 th September	Ann Preeti Chaudhary	16 th September
Rtn Shveta Sharma	10 th September	Rtn Ajay Khanna	17 th September
Ann Sarita Mohta	11 th September		

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR






Mental Health Initiatives
Rotary Action Group
DISTRICT 3291 CHAPTER

CERTIFICATE

OF PARTICIPATION

This certificate is proudly awarded to

Rotary Club of Belur

for their participation in the Mental Health Initiatives: **MIND TALKS' SERIES** | CELEBRATING **YOUNG MINDS** | Youth and Technology: Harnessing the power of digital tools and for taking the extra step to make the club participate and to take the program forward to a bigger mass of people.

Arpita Chatterjee

Rtn. Arpita Chatterjee
Chair, DAGMHI 3291



MINDWELL CLUB
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August 19, 2024

MEGA VACCINATION CAMP AT SWAIKA SCHOOL ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE 154 GIRLS WERE VACCINATED

Date: 3rd September 2024

Location: Swaika Girls High School, Liluah, Howrah

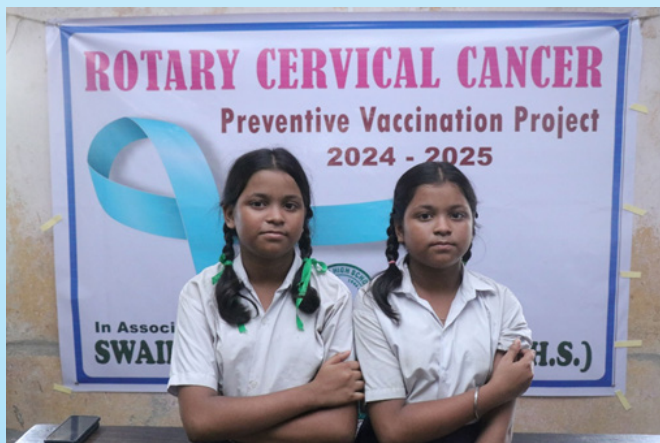
Project Title: Cervical Cancer Prevention Project

Lead Clubs: Rotary Club of Belur (District 3291) in partnership with Singapore Heartlands, District 3310

Supporting Partners in District 3291: Rotary Club of Hooghly, Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee, Rotary Club of Chandannagar, Rotary Club of Visionaries, Young Indians

Hospital Partner: Narayana Hospital, Howrah

On 3rd September 2024, a mega HPV vaccination camp was successfully conducted at Swaika Girls High School in Liluah, Howrah. The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Belur as part of the “Cervical Cancer Prevention Project,” under the Rotary Global Grant initiative. This camp marked the largest event in the series since the project began in June 2024.



Twin Sisters Tapur and Tupur of Class VII of Swaika Girls High School got Vaccinated

The vaccination drive followed an awareness camp held at the school on 10th August 2024, which saw a significant turnout of over 300 parents, students, and teachers. Despite being organized on short notice and without a dedicated professional team, the awareness camp was a success, as evidenced by the positive response from attendees. Key contributors to the awareness camp included President Rtn Anand Agarwal, Project Chair Vishnu Dhandhanian,

Bhanu Babu, Co-Chair Tarun Pal, and Anju Mitra, who engaged the audience with insightful discussions. Headmistress Sumana Sarkar played a vital role in coordinating the event, sharing technical insights based on her research.

At the vaccination camp, 154 girl students aged 9-14 were vaccinated by the medical team from Narayana Hospital, led by Supervisor Bandana Mahanti. The team consisted of three nurses, one administrative staff member, and a doctor. Project Manager Alopeparna Ghosh was present throughout the event to oversee operations and ensure efficiency and safety.

The camp was well-attended by Rotarians, including President Anand Agarwal, First Lady Chhaya Agarwal, Project Chair Vishnu Dhandhanian, IPP Amar Malhotra, Rtn Swati Malhotra, Co-chair Tarun Kr Pal, Rtn Divisha, Rtn Anju Maitra, Rtn Pratima, Rtn Kunal, Rtn Prashant, Rtn Manish, Rtn Kailash T, and Rtn Sanjay B. The presence of Past District Governor (PDG) Mukul Sinha provided additional inspiration and support to all attendees.



This vaccination camp marked the completion of vaccinations for 266 girls across three schools, contributing significantly to the project's overall target of vaccinating 1,200 girls. With a 12-month duration for the project, progress is on track, with more awareness camps scheduled in two additional schools and further vaccination camps planned.



The camp exemplifies the collaborative efforts of Rotary clubs and partners to make a meaningful impact in the fight against cervical cancer. The initiative aims to vaccinate over 1,200 girls across nine schools in the neighboring districts of Kolkata, including Howrah, Hooghly, and South 24 Parganas, to protect them from cervical cancer and promote a healthier future.

Prepared by: Alopeparna Ghosh, Project Manager

Sanitary Napkins Distribution

On 1st September sanitary pads were distributed by Rotary Club of Belur at Soumyaloke Biswaseva Niketan (Rajpur Area) - an orphanage for girls in Kolkata .

Sanitary pad distribution refers to the effort to provide menstrual hygiene products, primarily sanitary pads, to ladies / girls who need them, focusing on those in low-income communities. The aim is to address menstrual health management, reduce period poverty, and improve access to these essential products, ensuring that menstruation (periods) does not become a barrier to education, work, or daily life.



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